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IN SENATE

May 20, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- (at request of the Office of Victim Services) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the information necessary to investigate compensation claims

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 623 of the executive law, as
2 amended by section 8 of part A-1 of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 4. To request from the division of state police, from county or munic-
5 ipal police departments and agencies and from any other state or munici-
6 pal department or agency, or public authority, and the same are hereby
7 authorized to, and shall provide, such assistance and data as will
8 enable the office to carry out its functions and duties.

9 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 631 of the executive law, as separately
10 amended by chapters 189 and 295 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read
11 as follows:

12 1. No award shall be made unless the office finds that (a) a crime was
13 [~~committed~~] indicated by criminal justice agency records, (b) such crime
14 directly resulted in personal physical injury to or the exacerbation of
15 a preexisting disability, or condition, or death of, the victim, and (c)
16 criminal justice agency records show that such crime was promptly
17 reported to the proper authorities; and in no case may an award be made
18 where the criminal justice agency records show that such report was made
19 more than one week after the occurrence of such crime unless the office,
20 for good cause shown, finds the delay to have been justified. Notwith-
21 standing the foregoing provisions of this subdivision, in cases involv-
22 ing an alleged sex offense as contained in article one hundred thirty of
23 the penal law or incest as defined in section 255.25, 255.26 or 255.27
24 of the penal law or labor trafficking as defined in section 135.35 of

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 the penal law or sex trafficking as defined in sections 230.34 and
2 230.34-a of the penal law or an offense chargeable as a family offense
3 as described in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act or
4 section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law, the criminal justice agen-
5 cy report need only be made within a reasonable time considering all the
6 circumstances, including the victim's physical, emotional and mental
7 condition and family situation. For the purposes of this subdivision,
8 "criminal justice agency" shall include, but not be limited to, a police
9 department, a district attorney's office, and any other governmental
10 agency having responsibility for the enforcement of the criminal laws of
11 the state provided, however, that in cases involving ~~[such]~~ sex
12 ~~[offense]~~ offenses or family offense a criminal justice agency shall
13 also mean a family court, a governmental agency responsible for child
14 and/or adult protective services pursuant to title six of article six of
15 the social services law and/or title one of article nine-B of the social
16 services law, and any medical facility established under the laws of the
17 state that provides a forensic physical examination for victims of rape
18 and sexual assault. In the event that inconsistent reports among two or
19 more criminal justice agencies exist for the same incident, the office
20 shall consider the totality of the circumstances among all reports in
21 order to accomplish the purpose of this article.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.